Barony of Caer Galen
October 2015 Newsletter

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Arts & Sciences Champion: Mistress Signy von Velden
Harp of Caer Galen: Lord Finn ua Briain

Doge of Caer Galen: His Serene and Illustrious Highness, Don Thomas Vandale
Pope of Caer Galen: Her Holiness, Mistress Anne Bigod
Keepers of the Unicorn Horn - Young Sophia and Erasmus

Retinue

Head of House: Lady Anabel la clergesse
Mistress Yazida bint Zarif
Valet: Lord Eric Litefoote of Studley
Ladies in Waiting:
THL Matilda Beresford
Lady Jehennette van Mynden
Lady Miriam Volpe
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Guards

Dona Tatiana Bonacieux
Don Thomas Vandale
Lord Eric Litefoote of Studley
Lord Stigr Robertsson
Lord Finn Ua Briain
Lord Miquel lolo di Genoa

Ensigns

Dona Tatiana Bonacieux - Rapier
Lord Miquel lolo di Genoa - Rapier
Lord Stigr Robertsson - Heavy
Ketill Geirason - Heavy
Lord Konrad von Alpirsbach - Archery

Kingdom Calendar

October 2015

16-18 Shire of Blackwater Keep - Demo & Faire
17 Shire of Aarquelle - Aarquelle Defender 30
24 Barony of Unser Hafen - Newcomers Event
24 Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass - Feast of Saint Edrik

November 2015

7 Barony of al-Barran - Day of A&S
7 Barony of Dragonsspine - Baronial Arts & Sciences
7 Canton of Bofharrach - Brewers Feast
8 Barony of al-Barran - al-Barran Toys 4 Tots Tournaments
14 Barony of Fontaine dans Sable - Coronation K/Q/P/P
14 Kingdom of the Middle - Known World Academy of the Rapier / Known World Co
15 Barony of Fontaine dans Sable - Fontaine Toy Box

Caer Galen Calendar

December 12 Midwinter

Monthly Events

Business Meeting
First Monday of the month
6:30pm to 8pm
Old Chicago, Longmont CO

Folkmoot
First Tuesday of the month
6pm to 9pm
Boulder County Fairgrounds,
9595 Nelson Road - Barn A
Longmont CO 80501

Fighter Practice
Tuesdays, 6pm to 9pm
Boulder County Fairgrounds,
9595 Nelson Road - Barn A
Longmont CO 80501

Bookbinders Guild
Third Wednesday of the month
7pm to 9pm (food available beforehand ~6pm)
Where: THL's Hayashi and Shoshanah's house
673 W. Locust Ct., Louisville, CO 80027
(303) 926-1971 (home)

Archery Practice
Sundays, 10am to 12pm
Scout Park
Broomfield, CO

Baronesses's Progress

November 14-15: Fall Coronation

Missives from the Baronesses

Ravensfaire & Longmont Geek Fair

We are starting a solid run of fun weekends Caer Galen. Here are the things we were lucky enough to take part in this weekend.

Anne attended Ravensfaire – what a hoot! There was bartering, intrigue and even scandal. Thankfully there was also a competent Constable on hand to maintain the peace (ie put people in jail) and ensure that warrants were filed and fines paid. Caer Galen was proud to make it through the day without any retinue being arrested. We only wish that our fair cousins from Dragonsspine could say the same. Thank you to Helga, Katherine and Dorothea for making sure my needs were cared for throughout the day.

We were excited and honored to be invited to participate in Longmont's first Geek Fair today. The Barony was in good company and shared the hall with makers, costumers, musicians and scientists. We spoke with a lot of local folks and encouraged them to join us at our weekly practices. We also had several people interested in preparing and attending our Midwinter. So be on the lookout for new faces and help to direct them to the resources within our group. Special thanks to Dona Rowena, Don Wolfgang, Baron Max, Baroness Yaz, Dona Cecily, Lady Anabel, Lady Geffroi, Lady Conchobarre and Lady Deirdre for being part of the team that worked the table for us and greeted lots of people.

Thank you!
Anne and Matilda
Baronesses of Caer Galen

Bows, Bridles, and Blades

We had a delightful time at Bows, Bridles and Blades this weekend. Lady Thorunn, THLady Cera and their crew did an amazing job with this event. There was archery in the woods, LOTS of horses and riders competed in the equestrian arena, brave rapier fighters, mounted archery as well as archers vs. equestrians. Lunch was delicious and plentiful in the midst of all this activity.

Caer Galen has been very busy this year, hosting an event each month from May through September. We could not be more proud of the variety of skills shown by our populace. Thank you for your hard work to bring such fun to so many.

Also, thank you to the Barony of Unser Hafen for allowing us to host this event on their lands. Finding this equestrian site with an indoor arena is quite the coup and we hope to see more events held here in the future.

Thank you again,
Anne and Matilda
Baronesses of Caer Galen

Warders of the Western Gate

Our trip to Warders of the Western gate was wonderful and our burdens of travel were eased by the hospitality of Fontaine as well as our friends from al-Barran. They not only made room for our group within their camp but also helped transport and set up a tent for us AND provided breakfast on Saturday morning. What a treat!

We were delighted and honored to be able to witness the elevation of Sir Rowland and Master Angus to their respective peerages. We also saw Lord Taver be named as Fontaine's Sable Warder

(Heavy Champion), beheld daring acts by the various hooligans of Fontaine and enjoyed the hospitality of the Barony of Fontaine and King Tam on his family's land in the high desert. If you've not had opportunity to travel to Fontaine's Warders event, please add this to your list.

Thank you also to Lord Taver, Baroness Keridwen, Lady Anabel, THLady Matilda and Ella for joining us on this adventure, helping transport our goods, attend us in court and for adding to the general merriment of our weekend.

We are ever proud to be your Baronesses.
Anne and Matilda

October Folkmoot

Report from a wonderful October Folkmoot court

Lady Maria Castelana stepped down from long and honorable service as our Minister of the List. Lady Bridget has graciously assumed the mantle of the office.

Because of his wonderful service to us at Battlemoor and for making us a plethora of Bard Militant garters, we awarded Robert the Bone Setter as a Bearer of the Chalice of St. William the Cooper.

Event reminders:
Unser Hafen Newcomers – October 24th
Caer Galen Midwinter – December 12th
Tri-Baronial A&S Competition – February 6th

Thanks, everyone who attended last night's lovely practice and scribal class!

Anne & Matilda
Baronesses of Caer Galen

Officer Reports

A&S Minister - Baronin Katherina

Greetings Caer Galen.

I am happy to report the following A&S activities that happened in September.

Please accept my apologies if I have missed anything. If I have, please contact me off list, and I will make sure that I get it included in next month's report.

Other A&S Local Activities:
Hayashi
1. Taught several classes at Battlemoor on making Nag Hammadi and Japanese Stab binding
2. Completed two blank scrolls for Citadel of the Southern Pass.
3. Assisted Narienda in assembling her coat of plates and arm bracers.
4. The CGBB also entered the Dirty Dozen at Battlemoor with a baker's dozen of Japanese Stab binding books.

Elizabeth Dauch Hello,
1. taught 2 lampworking classes at Battlemoor.
Dots and Stringers - attendance 0 frown emoticon
Goddess Bead - attendance 2

Christopher Holtorf
1. Taught a Twistie stringer class at Battlemoor as well, we had 3 attendees.

Asta
1. Made my KAOS project.
2. Made 2 scrolls.
3. Made tons of twisted wire rings for various things.

Shoshanah Bas Ruven
1. Made 2 scrolls for the Citadel project.
2. Finished 4 pair of linen pants for Hayashi and a linen tunic for Robert.
3. Made a placeholder KAOS gift for HH Anna - the real thing should be done soon.
4. Made 13 items for the Dirty Dozen exchange.

Sir Michaelangelo
1. Entered the brewing competition at Battlemoor with my mead, caramel coffee stout, and root beer ale.
2. Assisted in the work on a new Hoople Hardie.

Helga, Umbertino, Erasmus, and Alexandra (Sophia)
August
1. Umbertino and Erasmus participated in archery 3 Sundays out of the month that is hosted by Hawks Hollow at Scout Park in Northglenn, CO, from 9am-12pm.
2. Helga (Samantha, me) attended my first Garbathon Aug. 1 at Rose Manor in Greeley, learned how to make simple Roman garb, and received advice on the fabrics I had accumulated.
3. Learned to calculate yolk patterns.
4. Umbertino, Erasmus, Sophia, and I attended Crown Tourney for the whole day, leaving at dinner.
5. Umbertino and Erasmus attended St Sebastian's archery tournament and both shot the whole thing.
6. In preparation for Battlemoor, my husband made hoods for all 4 of us from the clinic he attended in July.
7. He also made a T-tunic for our son and one for himself, and a lovely undergarment and fancy brocade outer garment for our daughter (he knew how to sew already).
8. I made my very first article of clothing ever- I am new to sewing- and completed a viking apron dress and undergarment. I fashioned my own brooches out of copper wire to hold the loops to the button holes. I learned to do invisible stitching and hand-sewed the top of the apron dress. I completed my first row of beads to hang from my brooches.
9. Both Umbertino and I began researching personas and chose names. Our kids chose to use their given names which are period anyway. My husband is further along with this, and has been talking to heralds about his device, too.

September
1. Period Singing (Battlemoor): We learned 6 period songs, and have the sheet music to remind ourselves.

Alexandra (Sophia)
1. Learned to embroider at Battlemoor, using three different stitches, and is working on her first piece.
2. Leatherwork (Battlemoor): learned to soak leather and stencil in artwork and patterns.
3. Period Singing (Battlemoor): learned 6 period songs, and have the sheet music to remind ourselves.
4. Viking music (Battlemoor): completed a bone flute/whistle by adding the wax to the mouthpiece to split the air and make it sing.
5. At home since then, continues the embroidery and worked more on her stitching for garb-making, and has made a number of small items for around the house and for her toys.
6. Studying the Middle Ages using 'The Story of the World' history books in her homeschooling work. We have touched on the fall of the western Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire, and are heading to India next. We also read 'Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!" which is a collection of monologues from a medieval village.

Erasmus
1. Leatherwork (Battlemoor): he learned to soak leather and stencil in artwork and patterns.
2. Period Singing (Battlemoor): We learned 6 period songs, and have the sheet music to remind ourselves.
3. Benefitting from the history lessons of his holder sister, listening when I read.
4. Mostly into archery, and has made an uncountable number of primitive longbows.
5. Making slow but good progress on the Italian Crossbow he is making with Ubertino/Kris.
6. Helping us make throwing daggers this month. I taught him to bend wire and make Roman jewelry this past week, based on the class I took at Battlemoor.

7. Continues to do the finger-weaving he was taught over the summer (at Unser Haffen's event?) and it turns up wrapped around things everywhere, 'Making things look fancier' as he sees it!
8. He's making mud-candles as I type...

Helga
1. Assisted with the children's program, the Page Academy.
2. Attend the Period Singing with the kids
3. Assisted at the leatherworking, and loved learning embroidery too. I'm still working on my first piece.
4. Attended the Viking Music class- it was incredibly well done and deserves extra mention!
5. Attended a Roman/Byzantine necklace-making session (where you twist wire and beads) and had a blast. I have made a bracelet since coming home, and bought a bunch of beads and wire and have started making more, and am teaching my kids.
6. At Ravensfaire I learned to make cord.
7. Learned to make proper viking hats, and have both a summer linen one I'm working on, and a thin woolen one (6-panel) that I'm going to start soon.
8. MADE AN EARWAX SPOON!!!

Thorunn Grimsdottír
1. Have been making equestrian equipment all month in preparation for Bows, Bridles and Blades.

Jamie Roesler
I finished a german working woman's over dress that is armored for fencing, and two shirts circa 16th century.?

Rozsa Laszlo
At Battlemoor I learned more handsewing techniques at the Blind Tailor's Shop. Since coming home I've handsewn two linen hoods. I've started working on adding decorative stitching to them. It's slow as I'm taking out many stitches, but I'm getting good practice.

In Service.
Baronin Katherina von Lehmann

Exchequer - Lady Thorunn

Greetings unto the populace of the great (award winning) barony of Caer Galen...

For the month of Sept, there were a total of 10 checks written totaling $2,434.94 and 5 deposits totaling $1,183.75

Fighter Practice Site

Total forward		-$1,572.60	
Jan	$150	-$1,422.60	
Feb	$1,890	$467.40	
Mar	$81	$548.40	
Apr	$110	$658.40	
May	$51	$709.40	
June	$60	$769.40	
July	$26	$145.40	Paid $650 for Winter site
Aug	$0	$145.40	
Sept	$48	$193.40	

Donations for the winter site have been down, but are starting again, now that we are 'in' the winter practice site. Please remember that Barn A is not free, and donate to the site.

I am still looking for someone who is willing to be my deputy for the next few months, and willing to step up to the office of Exchequer in December. If you are interested, please contact me.

YIS
Thorunn Grimsdottír

Knight Marshal – Lord Finn

Greetings Caer Galen,

We held our practices at our Winter Site (Barn A, Boulder County Fairgrounds). We had between 7 and 9 fighters suit up and play. No injuries to report.

Yours in Service,
Finn

Rapier Marshal – Lady Jehennette

Greetings unto the populace and my ever patient superiors,

Please forgive the lateness of this missive. The lovely fall weather has put my brain in a perpetually drowsy state.

The month of September was our first month practicing indoors at Boulder County Fairgrounds, Barn A. Again, Don Thomas and others have been ever helpful hauling gear and keeping everyone safe. Practices have fluctuated from our average 10 or so fencers to 20, this month. We did have one evening outdoors on the lawn, but I heard there were still fights and fun to be had. :)

No new authorizations and no injuries were reported.

There may be opportunity to learn some cut and thrust techniques, upcoming. We do not yet have a C&T marshal for practices, but learning control of maneuvers, before you gear up to fight is always a good thing!

I am still looking for a replacement. Caer Galen deserves a more present marshal, to ensure the *safe* fun of stabbing our friends. If interested please reply to this or find me at practice. If you cannot find me at practice, please speak with their Excellencies. Thank you!

Yours In Service,
Jehennette van Mynden

October 2015 Meeting Minutes

Past Business

Bows, Bridles, and Blades – Lady Thorunn

We had 53 in attendance (5 were comped – 3 of which were children). We made a profit of $30. Archery went well with 20 archers. There were 10 equestrians at the event. We had 5 fencers.

It was a fun event. Unser Hafen asked if we would do it again. Next time would mostly be a joint venture.

If the event is scheduled again, the autocrat should not be in charge of any of the events.

Allison, one of the trainers, is offering a mounted archery class.

For attendance, 4 out of 5 attendees were from Caer Galen. Most of the horses were from Unser Hafen, and about even on the archery.

It was a great site and we plan to use it again in the future.

Decals – Baroness Matilda

Decals were sold at Warders, $30 worth. We are at a profit of approximately $600. She is working on casting the golden nightingales.

Upcoming Events

Midwinter 2015 – Master Massimiliano

Website has been updated with Baroness Cecily's article – 1 more to come soon.

Mistress Briatiz is offering workshops on cotehardies.

Most of the staff is in place. Lady Anabel is organizing staff for the event day.

The Baron and Baroness of al Barran will be attending.

Lots of classes have been held already.

Caer Galen Defenders - Master Massimiliano

Site has been reserved for July 15-18. Dwen will get event forms to Finn.

Also Upcoming:

Coronation: Nov 14-15 in Fontaine

February 6th, Tri-baronial A&S in Caerthe

Announcements

Open Workshop days - THL Hayashi

The house will be open this week for working on projects. Lampwork station is setup for use anytime. Additional projects include making Brass and/or bone tools and some woodworking projects. Other types of projects available on request. RSVP if you're going to stop by during the day as I may have errands to run.

Wednesday 5PM-9PM
Thursday 10AM - 9PM
Friday Noon - 9PM
Saturday 10AM - 9PM
Sunday 10AM - 6PM

Food is generally available - RSVP especially if you have food preferences (veg, gluten-free etc)
Wednesday Dinner 6PM-8PM Greek food - Lamb Gyros, Tabouli, Hummus
Thursday Dinner 6PM - 8PM Texas BBQ Brisket, potato salad
Friday - TBD
Saturday - TBD
Sunday - TBD
potential dishes include paella, gumbo, tom kha, also open to suggestions.
Hayashi and Shoshanah's house
673 W. Locust Ct.
Louisville, CO 80027
(303) 926-1971 (home)

Event Reports

Bows, Bridles and Blades - Lady Thorunn

Yesterday was the first 'big' event that I have ever autocrated. Wow! What an event!

I want to thank EVERYONE who came out and played and had fun with us!! What a great site! Thank you to my co-autocrat Cera (Audrey Wilvert) for helping to put this together and running the archery hunt in the woods. I'm sorry we weren't able to get any pictures of that, I heard several archers talk about how great it was! Many MANY thanks to Tatiana Goss for being available to run the fencing tournament! I meant

to say something during court to thank you, and completely forgot. Please forgive that omission. I really do appreciate your willingness to step up and help.

Big thanky ou to Katherina von Lehmann for running gate! And being there even after google maps tried it's hardest to get you lost.

A thank you and Wow! Where else will the Baronesses come out on the field and help reset the course for an equestrian event!!!! Thank you! And to Kim Creed for bringing the Unser Hafen games and helping to set up and take down. Thanks to the archers for playing in the Equestrian vs. Archers. And for of you whom I saw helping clean up, reset, pick up, whatever, who's names I do not know - BUT YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!!

(oh, and Matilda Seton and Anne Bigod, thank you for the pep talk and hugs...I really needed that yesterday)

I would also like to thank Silverwhip Acres and Geir Kanstad for allowing us to use his wonderful farm. I have a feeling you may see more SCA events/practices/folks out there in the future!

Lady Thorunn

Upcoming Events

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Midwinter - Master Massimliano

Are you hopelessly stuck in 2015?
Not as much as you think!

Caer Galen Midwinter this year will be set in the frosty reaches of Lincolnshire in the year 1327. Robin Hood and Adam Bell have settled in for the winter, the harvest is done, and winter has come.

The Luttrell Psalter (British Library Add. MS 42130) will be our guide as we step back in time to that quiet winter of peace and plenty.

Join the Barony of Caer Galen as we hold classes, workshops, craft days, and more in preparation for this event. With months to prepare and the skilled artisans of Caer Galen offering ALL OF THE HELP, this will be a midwinter to remember.

Explore the links below, visit the Caer Galen Facebook Page, come to a hundred seminars, and join in the fun.

Let's make the magic!

12 December 2015
10:00 AM to 9:00 PM
First Congregational Church
1500 9th Avenue, in Longmont. Park on the North or West side, come in through the Northeast door. As in previous years, this will be a dry site.
Site is free; Feast $10 per person

BEHOLD! The Feast!

Lady Pvari and Sir Leifr are preparing your feast for you, even as you read this. "WHAT?" you may ask, "Even now? Months in advance?" The answer is simply yes! These two exceptional chefs are hard at work this very minute hand churning the butter, carefully growing the wheat that will be your bread.

All right, perhaps their preparations are not quite that intensive. But they have already prepared this feast at least twice (not joking!) to fine-tune their recipes and make sure that the full-scale preparation is as good as the small scale test runs. They've been comparing primary source materials against existing research to find that perfectly period 1327 menu and prepare a feast that will take you back in time. As it stands now, your

menu is as follows:
Bread and butter throughout
A rich turnip soup
Loseyns
Cormarye with savory root vegetable compote
Frutours

Note - these recipes are actively NOT the final form the feast will take. These masterful chefs are tweaking these recipes to maximize deliciousness. In short: Brace yourselves, this is going to be delicious!

Overview

There will be a lot of classes, seminars, workshops, and project days in the months leading up to this event. Browse through them all by scrolling down, or use the links above to go straight to the things that you need for this to be ready to have the most magical night ever.

Autocrat
Baron Massimliano is your coordinator. When stuff goes wrong it is because he dropped the ball. When stuff goes right, it is because he picked good staff. If you have questions or concerns, mail him directly at unlikely(at)gmail(dot)com.> He also did this horrid HTML, so if you find a problem, mail him with that too.

Troll and Accounting
Mistress Jeanne-Marie du Bois has volunteered to handle the money, take reservations, and do the final accounting. This makes her, in my opinion, the bravest little toaster of them all.

Chefs
Lady Pvari and Sir Lief are cooking for us. Watch this space for the tentative menu as it develops. (It's already developed, we've already had a test run, and it's delicious. But right now I'm too lazy to type it in. I just want to get this page UP right now...)

Event Volunteer Coordinator
Lady Anabel la clergess is our personnel coordinator. And we'll be pressing her into a lot of other stuff, too. Mua ha ha ha ha.

Explore the Luttrell Psalter and learn more about medieval beer bongs.

Awards & Recognition

Warders of The Western Gate

Lord Taver was named as Fontaine's Sable Warder

October Folkmoot

Robert the Bone Setter was awarded a Bearer of the Chalice of St. William the Cooper.

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